

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): FILE MANAGEMENT APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH A FILE  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IS RECORDED

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Formal drawings (Figs. 1-13; 12 sheets) are attached.  
 Use Figure for front page of Publication.  
A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.  
An assignment of the invention to NIKON CORPORATION is filed herewith.  
An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.  
Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.  
A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.  
Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. filed --  
Priority of foreign application No. 2000-104023 filed April 5, 2000 in JAPAN is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).  
A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.  
This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.  
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